

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS.

Claims 2-5 and 16-20 are pending. Claims 2-5 are allowed. Claims 16-20 are new. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 6-10 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 6-10 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejection.

New claims 16-20 correspond to previous claims 6-10 with amendments to the equations.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 16-20 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

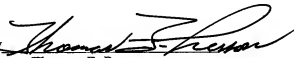
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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